

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Presently Amended) A composition for exposing antigenic epitopes of a microorganism, comprising a general enrichment media, a detergent, and at least one structure modifying organic chemical, wherein the structure modifying organic chemical is selected from the group consisting of 2,4-dinitrophenol and carbonyl cyanide-m-chlorophenyl hydrazone, permitting multiplication to optimal levels for detection.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Presently Amended) The composition of either claim 1 or 2, wherein the general enrichment media is selected from the group consisting of Terrific Broth, SOB medium, SOC medium, LB medium, NZCYM medium, minimal medium, lactose broth, buffered peptone water, Brain Heart Infusion medium, Haemophilus broth, tryptic soy broth, and nutrient broth.

4. (Original) The composition of claim 3, wherein the structure modifying organic chemical is 2,4-dinitrophenol.

5.-26. (Previously Canceled)

27. (Presently Amended) A method for propagating a microorganism such that cell wall antigen epitopes of the microorganism are altered, comprising contacting a test sample with a composition comprising general enrichment media, a detergent, and at least one structure modifying organic chemical selected from the group consisting of 2,4-dinitrophenol and carbonyl cyanide-m-chlorophenyl hydrazone, and propagating the microorganism therein.

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